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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873.

ALSO, THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,



EXETER:

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## SELECTMEN'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

### ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection,... . \$6,214 73

#### COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,.....	\$1,774 76
Treasurer in cash,.....	4,071 79
Non-resident tax worked out,.....	15 14
Abatement of taxes,.....	48 64
Collector's services,.....	70 00
Uncollected taxes,.....	234 40
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	\$6,214 73

STRATHAM, February 27, 1873.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, vouched and balanced.

NATHAN M. BARKER, }  
JOHN EMERY, } *Auditors.*

### ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR ASA E. JEWELL.

Uncollected taxes for 1871,.....	\$947 17
Interest on the above,.....	30 18
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	\$977 35

#### COLLECTOR'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,.....	\$670 00
abatement of taxes,.....	68 28
by note on demand,.....	239 07
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	\$977 35



## MONEY RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

Received of the Selectmen of 1872,.....	\$2,213 42
Nathan M. Barker,.....	28 00
Asa E. Jewell, per note,.....	60 12
State Treasurer, balance for State bonds,..	75 00
interest on State bonds,.....	326 75
State Literary fund,.....	57 75
Railroad tax,.....	482 50
Savings Bank tax,.....	658 51
County Commissioners,.....	427 88
money hired on town notes,.....	3,300 00
Asa E. Jewell, .....	670 00
George A. Wiggin,.....	4,056 65
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	\$12,356 58

## TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

*Outstanding Demands and Sundry Expenses.*

Paid Andrew Chase, loss of sheep killed by dogs,.....	\$4 00
Stephen Chase, " " " .....	8 00
Hiram, Wiggin, " " " .....	5 00
Henry P. Wingate, " " " .....	12 00
Z. J. Wiggin, " " " .....	12 00
A. Wood, for advice,.....	5 00
Charles Marseilles, printing town report,.....	30 00
S. C. Buzell, interest on note,.....	315 00
Treasurer of Exeter Five Cent Savings Bank, in full.	1,030 40
D. W. Ranlet & Co., supplies for Mrs. Asa Robinson,.....	11 25
Charles Lane, for use of watering trough,.....	3 00
" " for work on bridge and road,.....	3 17
Olivia Robinson, for support of Mrs. Asa Robinson,	4 00
Josiah W. Tuttle, for services after auditing,.....	6 00
J. J. Scammon, service as Justice, in 1871,.....	5 00
" " for posting notice of School laws,	2 00
" " for book furnished indigent children,.....	85
" " for plough, broken on highway,...	2 00
Jacob Stockbridge, for loss of sheep killed by dogs,	5 00

Paid Barnard Goodrich, in part as Superintendent of town farm, for 1871, .....	100 00
Andrew Chase, interest on note, .....	61 80
B. L. Jones, for repairing guide board, .....	50
George E. Lane, for books and stationery, .....	7 09
B. Goodrich, for benefit of town farm, for 1871, ...	34 51
"          in full for services as Superintendent of town farm, .....	25 00
Richard Scammon, in full for note of hand, .....	151 85
"          "          in full for note of hand, .....	348 48
Olivia Robinson, for support of Mrs. Asa Robinson, .....	8 00
Joseph S. Staples, for postage stamps, .....	60
B. Goodrich, in full for note of hand, .....	106 00
Julia Foss, interest on note, .....	7 00
R. Farmers' Insurance Company, .....	5 52
Sarah W. Chase, in part for note, .....	15 00
J. W. Odell, for certificates of deaths, .....	50
Beujamin Mathes, jr., for note in full, .....	811 85
Sarah E. Griffith, interest on note, .....	90 00
Town Clerk, Epsom, examining records, .....	1 25
A. R. Wiggin, coffin for John Robinson, .....	11 00
S. C. Buzell, in full for note of hand, .....	1,020 57
Charles Kelley, digging grave for John Robinson, .....	3 00
Andrew Chase, interest on note, .....	73 08
B. Goodrich, for benefit of town farm, .....	50 00
A. R. Wiggin, coffin for Abby Robinson, .....	7 00
Charles E. Robinson, taking care of Jackson Hall in 1870, .....	2 00
James Sinclair, setting guide post, .....	1 75
"          "          setting glass in Jackson Hall, .....	2 00
"          "          taking care Jackson Hall, in 1871, .....	2 00
George E. Dearborn, for damage sustained in consequence of being thrown from wagon, caused by defect in road, .....	30 00
Ezra Barker, interest on notes, .....	60 00
David W. Gorham, interest on notes, .....	105 00
James Connell, in full for note, .....	215 80
Wm. C. Butterfield, for note in full, .....	408 53

Paid E. R. Thompson, interest on note,.....	18 00
Chas. Kelley, for digging grave for Abby Robinson,	3 00
A. R. Wiggin, for Coffin for Martha Pottle,.....	10 00
Sarah E. Griffeth, interest on note,.....	90 00
Andrew Chase, interest on note,.....	60 30
Elisha Chase to get Coffin and digging grave for M. Pottle,.....	4 00
W. G. Brown, for insurance on town farm buildings,	3 50
Wm. E. Butterfield, interest on note,.....	30 00
Julia Foss, interest on note,.....	7 00
Sarah W. Chase, on note,.....	15 00
Andrew Chase, interest on note,.....	36 18
Ambrose Wiggin, in full for note,.....	309 00
Annie Chase, in full for note,.....	69 08
S. C. Buzell, in part for note,.....	1,104 64
State tax,....	1,074 00
J. W. Odell, medical attendance on Mrs. Asa Rob- inson,.....	10 25
S. C. Buzell, in part for note,.....	509 60
James W. Foss, for plough,.....	3 00
A. C. Wiggin, abate of poll tax,.....	1 50
Wm. G. Perry, for medical attendance on M. Pot- tle and Mrs. A. Robinson,.....	6 50
D. P. Batchelder, for transient poor,..	2 05
Hiram Wiggin, for taking and nursing John Robin- son,.....	70 00
Joseph T. Smart, an abatement of tax,.....	6 70
Barnard Goodrich, for benefit town farm,.....	50 00
Louisa Odell, for use of room,.....	1 50
Addison Wiggin to help transient poor,.....	2 25
Geo. W. Kittredge, for medical attendance on John Robinson,....	24 00
J. S. Staples, services as town Clerk,.....	17 00
N. C. Norton, for loss of horse,.....	45
A. R. Wiggin, Coffin for Mary A. Merrill,.....	10 00
A. H. Hobbs, robe, cap and neckerchief, for M. A. Merrill,.....	3 58
James W. Rollins, for damage to sheep by dogs,..	10 00



Paid N. E. Norton, for watering trough,.....	3 00
Charles Lane, for watering trough,.....	3 00
Mark Roberts, abatement of tax,.....	3 85
Stephen Scammon, abatement for loss of horse,....	95
Addison Wiggin, service as Treasurer and Select- men expenses, .....	25 00
Auditors,.....	4 00
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	\$8,833 20

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John J. Scammon, labor on highway,.....	7 63
“ breaking roads,.....	1 60
B. L. Jones, repairing road and bridge,.....	7 20
R. B. Smith, breaking roads,.....	1 70
Nathan E. Norton, breaking roads,.....	3 00
Caleb Wiggin, breaking roads in 1871,.....	8 80
Sylvester H. Wiggin, breaking roads,.....	20 00
Charles A. Wiggin, “ “ .....	43 20
Otis French, breaking roads in 1871,.....	8 30
Nathaniel Ramsdell, breaking road,.....	35 00
B H. Jewett, “ .....	36 60
N. C. Norton, “ .....	43 20
E. B. Jewell, “ .....	40 00
James P. Chase “ .....	20 90
Elisha Chase, “ .....	30 40
Mark Roberts, “ .....	29 30
Addison Wiggin, “ .....	22 50
Mark Roberts, work on bridge,.....	5 00
Richard Scammon, breaking roads.....	20 40
S. H. Dearborn. “ 1871,.....	7 40
E. M. C. Lane. “ 1871,.....	21 10
“ work on roads,.....	16 10
Charles Lane, “ .....	4 80
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	\$434 23

## SCHOOLS.

Paid David Jewell, Jr., benefit of school Dist. No. 3,...	293 27
Charles N. Healey, “ “ No. 1,...	394 43

Paid Wm. B. Lang, benefit of school Dist. No. 4,...	244 77
Henry H. Staples, " " No. 2,...	150 00
John J. Scammon, services as superintending committee, 1871,.....	25 00
Wm. G. Brown, " " " .....	25 00
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	\$1,132 47

## TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid town and county poor not at the farm,.....	\$337 72
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## TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1872		To ADDISON WIGGIN, DR.	
March 16,	To settle with Treasurer,.....	75	
18,	write Collector and Treasurer bonds,....	75	
23,	Mrs. Asa Robinson,.....	75	
27,	Richard Scammon,.....	75	
27,	hire money at Newmarket,.....	2 00	
30,	attend Jury meeting,.....	50	
31,	pay interest on note,.....	50	
April 1,	one day at town farm,.....	2 00	
2,	prepare inventory book, .....	1 00	
2,	two days making assessments,.....	4 00	
12,	Exeter to see County Commissioners,....	1 00	
13,	making taxes and recording same,.....	10 00	
30,	prepare surveyor's books and distributing,	2 00	
May 3,	copying petition and notice for highway,.	1 00	
3,	Mr. Batchelder's,.....	75	
21,	one day examining road,.....	2 00	
22,	make return of Railroad stock,.....	1 00	
	make return of State Treasurer,.....	50	
	" " of County " .....	50	
24,	make return of inventory, for '71 & 72,..	2 00	
4,	Mr. Batchelder's, on town business,.....	75	
4,	prepare Collector's book,.....	2 00	
June 6,	hire money and paying the same,.....	2 00	
12,	Asa E. Jewell,.....	75	
	Newmarket to pay money,.....	1 00	
13,	Exeter to get Coffin for John Robinson,..	2 00	
18,	Concord to get State bonds,.....	5 00	

June 20.	Newmarket to hire money,.....	1 50
	Exeter to pay note,.....	1 50
July 20,	get coffin for A. Robinson,.....	2 00
Aug. 12.	get interest on State bonds,.....	1 00
Aug. 26,	pay interest on note.....	1 00
Sept. 5,	give in deposition in case of Huntress,...	2 00
Oct. 18,	writing check list and warrants,.....	3 00
18,	Mr. Wiggin and Batchelder to get war- rants signed,.....	75
24,	take depositions,.....	2 00
Nov. 2,	attend jury meeting,.....	50
	So. Newmarket to pay money,.....	1 00
Dec. 16,	revise jury box,.....	50
30,	attend jury meeting,.....	50
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Jan. 14,	journey to Concord to settle with treas'r.,.	5 00
29,	writing warrants for town meeting, ....	1 00
Feb. 4,	town farm and Exeter to pay money,...	1 50
14,	Exeter to settle with Commissioner,.....	2 00
12,	one evening in session,.....	50
18,	writing warrant and check list,.....	2 50
19,	one day at town farm,.....	2 00
19,	one evening in session,.....	50
19,	pay county poor, monthly,.....	6 00
27,	one day auditing accounts,.....	3 00

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\$88 50

Received payment,

ADDISON WIGGIN.

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

To D. P. BATCHELDER, DR.

March 15,	To post office,.....	\$0 50
31,	attending jury meeting.....	50
April 1,	one day at town farm,.....	2 50
2, 3, 5,	Taking inventory,.....	7 50
9, 10,	In session,.....	5 00
13,	examine wood and lumber,.....	1 25

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May	9,	half day appointing surveyors,.....	1 25
	21,	half day examining route for road.....	1 25
Aug.	2,	post office and N. Barker's,.....	1 00
Oct.	18,	Exeter and town farm,.....	1 50
	22,	Portsmouth and A. Wiggin's,.....	3 50
Nov.	2,	attending Jury meeting,.....	50
	16,	going to farm with M. Stockbridge,.....	75
Dec.	16	revising jury box,.....	50
	30,	attending jury meeting,.....	50
Jan.	9,	Exeter and town farm,.....	1 00
	10,	post office,.....	50
	23,	Phineas Merrill's,.....	50
	25,	post office,.....	50
	27,	post office and posting warrants,.....	75
Feb.	13,	evening in session,.....	50
	15,	Exeter and town farm,.....	1 00
	19,	one day at farm,.....	2 50
	20,	evening in session,.....	50
	27,	auditing,.....	3 00

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\$38 75

Received payment,

D. P. BATCHELDER,

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1872.

TO NATHANIEL WIGGIN, DR.

March	16,	To returning check list,.....	\$0 50
	30,	attending jury meeting,.....	50
April	1,	one day at town farm,.....	2 50
	2, 3, 5,	Three days taking inventory,.....	7 50
	9,	one day in session,.....	2 00
	10,	one day in session,.....	2 00
	13,	half day examining wood and timber,....	1 25
	29,	collecting births and deaths,.....	75
May	21,	examining road, .....	1 25
Aug.	17,	Treasurer's office and Exeter to pay note,	1 50
Dec.	16,	revising jury box,.....	50
	30,	attending jury meeting,.....	50

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Feb. 12,	one evening in session, .....	50
19,	one day at town farm, .....	2 00
26,	one evening session, .....	50
27,	one day auditing, .....	3 00
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		\$267 50

Received payment,

NATHANIEL WIGGIN,

## RECAPITULATION,

Outstanding demand and sundry expenses, .....	\$8,833 20
Highways and bridges, .....	434 23
School, .....	1,132 47
County poor, .....	337 72
Selectmen's bills, .....	153 10
Cash in Treasurer's hands, .....	1,465 06
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\$12,355 58	

STRATHAM, FEB. 27, 1873.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast, and vouched and a balanced of fourteen hundred and sixty-five dollars, six cents in his hands—  
\$1,465 06.

NATHAN M. BARKER, }  
JOHN EMERY, } Auditors.

Received of the State in bonds, .....	\$5,500
in cash seventy-five dollars credited as money received, .....	
Paid Samuel M. Pearsons one hundred dollars in State bond, which he claimed under the Statute, ....	
Bonds remaining on hand, .....	\$5,400

## TOWN FARM:

Expenditures, .....	\$599 50
Superintendent's salary, .....	225 00
	<hr/> \$824 50
Receipts, .....	\$439 42
County poor on farm, .....	82 45
Produce for sale, .....	37 50
Wood for County and town poor, .....	12 00
	<hr/> \$571 37
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Balance against the farm, .....	\$253 13

## INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town, .....	\$19,661 00
Other bills due as estimated, .....	700 00
	<hr/> \$20,361 00

## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, .....	1,465 06
Notes due the town, .....	239 07
Uncollected taxes, .....	234 40
State bonds, .....	5,400 00
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Amount of town debt, .....	\$13,022 47



**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**

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**DISTRICT NO. 1.**

C. N. HEALEY, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Mary L. Marston. This term was but a repetition of the success which attended Miss Marston's endeavors in District No. 2, in the Summer of 1871.

Winter Term taught by Mr. R. H. Perkins. It is but justice to say that this school under the instruction of two such teachers ought to be and is the most advanced of any in town. This was Mr. Perkins second term in this District. He well understands how to govern and instruct. At the examination a large number of parents and friends were present and were much pleased with the recitations, declamations and other exercises, which were creditable to scholars and teacher.

**DISTRICT NO. 2.**

H. H. STAPLES, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter Terms taught by Miss Martha M. Cate. It has been my privilege to observe this school more closely perhaps than either of the others, and the deportment of the scholars, both in and out of school, has been marked by that quietness and good behavior which is indispensable to a rapid and thorough knowledge of their text books. Appearances at present would seem to indicate that could the services of Miss Cate be continued, this school will put in a claim for a part of the laurels so justly merited by District No. 1.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

DAVID JEWELL, Jr., Prudential Committee.

Summer Term taught by Miss Annie F. Hills. Throughout the entire course of this school, it was easy to see the constant improvement going on under the charge of this accomplished teacher; it would have been a grievous fault of the pupils if it had been otherwise.

Winter Term taught by Mr. B. J. Perkins. At the beginning of this term it was apparent that there was not that union of heart and sentiment which is essential to perfect success, but a fuller acquaintance with each other resulted in a better understanding and friendship, and those pupils present at its close, demonstrated clearly to the many friends on exhibition day, that their time had been well spent.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

WILLIAM B. LANG, Prudential Committee.

Summer Term and ten weeks of the Winter Term taught by Miss Mary E. Folsom. This school is small, the largest average being ten in the Winter term. Owing to feeble health, Miss Folsom was obliged to give up her school six weeks prior to its close; it was finished by Miss Mary E. Clark: both these are experienced and successful teachers. Although this school is few in numbers, yet in it can be found an instance not in any other in town: one scholar, Sarah B. H. Wiggin who has not been *absent* nor *tardy* one day for the year just closed; this for a girl thirteen years old is doing well we think; there are others worthy of mention, but this is the best.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Teachers, yours is no mean employment. To you is entrusted in no small degree the education of the youth of our land. Of the teachers in town for the past year it can be truthfully said, you have discharged your duty faithfully to those under your charge.

Your Committee would take this opportunity to congratulate the several Prudential Committees on their good fortune in obtaining so good and efficient a corps of teachers the past year.

It would undoubtedly be advisable, so far as practicable, to employ the same teachers for the present year. It is a good plan to "let well enough alone;" or, in other words, this system of changing teachers

every term, (especially when we have a good one and by the expenditure of a little more money, could secure their continued services) is the bane of education in our common schools.

A very marked improvement has been noticed in regard to parents and teachers frequenting the school-room. Let each one in the district feel it their duty to visit the school at least once every term, and as much more as they find it convenient. This will encourage the teachers and stimulate the scholars to greater exertions in ascending the "hill of science."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. BROWN,

Supt'g School Committee of Stratham.

Stratham, March, 1873.



## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

DISTRICTS, .....	1.	2.	3.	4.	TOTAL.
Weeks kept in Summer, .....	15	18	12	16	61
Weeks kept in Winter, .....	....	16	11	16	43
Average in Summer, .....	26	29	20	9	84
“ Winter, .....	....	35	25	8	65
Wages of Male Teachers per month, .....	....	48*	60	30	138
Wages of Female Teachers per month, .....	28	32	30	25	115
Whole No. of Scholars in Winter, .....	....	35	31	12	98
“ “ “ in Summer, .....	34	35	28	12	109
Income from Literary Fund, .....	....	....	....	....	57 75
School money raised by town, .....	....	....	....	....	1253 68
Whole amount of School Money, .....	....	....	....	....	1311 43
District No. 1, .....	....	....	....	....	394 43
“ No. 2, .....	....	....	....	....	378 96
“ No. 3, .....	....	....	....	....	293 27
“ No. 4, .....	....	....	....	....	244 77
Visits by Supt'ing School Committee, ..	4	5	4	4	.....
Visits by Prudential Committee, .....	1	4	4	0	.....
Visits by Citizens, .....	....	90	35	17	.....

\* Winter.

## LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

National Series of Readers; Quackenbos' Grammar; Cornell's Geography; Appleton's Arithmetic; Mahew's Book-keeping; Greenleaf's Algebra; Goodrich's History; Payson and Dunton's system of Penmanship.





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